

SENATE BILL 1261

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-236, relative to special license plates medal recipients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-236, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The department shall provide and issue, free of charge, to each resident of this state who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross or the Air Force Cross, upon presentation of proper application, a DD214 form and a copy of the orders that awarded the medal or copy of certificate or citation granting the medal, memorial registration plates for no more than two (2) motor vehicles or motor homes which are registered or leased for private use in the name of any one (1) recipient. For the purposes of this section, "private use" vehicle means any motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c) or motor home that is not used for rehire or for any other commercial purpose.

(b) The memorial plates provided for in this section shall be the same as regular registration plates, but shall be of a distinctive design which denotes the importance of these distinguished veterans and the high regard in which this state holds the courageous recipients of these military decorations.

(c) Eligibility for the memorial registration plate provided for in this section shall be determined by the department in consultation with the appropriate information on the DD214 form and the copy of the orders that awarded the medal or the copy of the certificate or citation granting the medal.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.